You are invited to participate in a Stakeholder Advisory Forum for the updating of the Groundwater Availability Model for the northern segment of the Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone) Aquifer. The meeting will be held on March 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District at 700 Kennedy Court, Belton, Texas 76513. This meeting is the first of a series of meetings that will be held at different stages of model development. We will discuss stakeholder inputs and the project schedule. The topics for this forum include:

- 1. Introduction to Groundwater Availability Modeling Program
- 2. Regional overview
- 3. Basics of groundwater flow
- 4. Overview of northern segment of the Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone) Aquifer
- 5. Numerical groundwater modeling and groundwater availability models
- 6. Data collection
- 7. Project schedule

We encourage your input, questions, and discussion on these topics at the meeting.

Additional information on the Groundwater Availability Modeling program can be found on the Texas Water Development Board web site at http://www.twdb.texas.gov/groundwater/. Stakeholder participation, promoted in the Groundwater Availability Modeling program through public stakeholder meetings, is critical to the development of aquifer models and the success of the Groundwater Availability Modeling program. Texas Water Development Board is holding these meetings as part of the model development process. The public forums are meant to update stakeholders on the progress of model development and to solicit your comments and discussion. Anyone interested in the development of this aquifer model is invited and encouraged to participate. Presentations and a summary of questions and answers from the meetings will be posted at http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/groundwater/models/gam/.

The Texas Water Development Board Groundwater Availability Modeling manager is Ms. Cindy Ridgeway (512-936-2386; Cindy.Ridgeway@twdb.texas.gov). If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me (512-463-6641; ian.jones@twdb.texas.gov) or Ms. Ridgeway. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on March 5, 2018.

Sincerely,

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